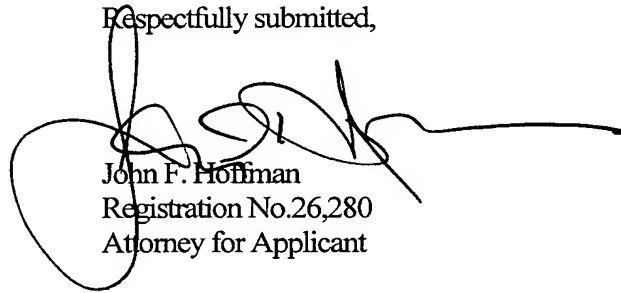


20. A method of operation in an apparatus as claimed in claimed 2, characterized in that the melt is supplied continuously from the melting vessel (1) from below to the refining vessel (3) and flows in the upper zone via a cooling groove (4) to a stirring crucible (6).--

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